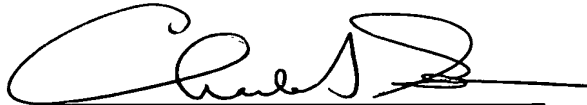


REMARKS

Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. After entry of the here-enclosed amendment: Claims 3, 5-15, 19-20, 22-26, 28-30, 35-38, 40-42, 44, 46, 48-49, 51 and 53 are amended; Claims 1-53 are pending. Claims 54-57 are canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles I. Sherman', written over a horizontal line.

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